

## Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity

### PART I: OVERVIEW

**Federal Agency Name:** Corporation for National and Community Service  
**Funding Opportunity Title:** AmeriCorps State and National Indian Tribes Planning Grants  
FY2012  
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**Dates:** Applications are due **January 18, 2012** at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-April, 2012.

The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. For more than fifteen years, CNCS—through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs—has helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action.

On April 21, 2009, President Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the most sweeping expansion of national service in a generation. This landmark law not only expands service opportunities, but also focuses national service on key outcomes; builds the capacity of individuals, nonprofits, and communities to succeed; and encourages innovative approaches to solving problems.

In alignment with the Serve America Act, this AmeriCorps State and National (AmeriCorps) *Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity* will focus AmeriCorps grantmaking in six Focus Areas identified by the Act:

- Disaster Services
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Healthy Futures
- Veterans and Military Families

In order to carry out Congress' intent and to maximize the impact of the investment in national service, CNCS is seeking to fund programs that can demonstrate community impact and solve community problems through an evidence-based approach (e.g. performance data, research, theory of change).

In the AmeriCorps competition this year, CNCS especially seeks to prioritize investment in three areas of its work. CNCS will continue to focus on national service programs that improve academic outcomes for children, youth, and young adults. This focus reflects the extensive experience and past success of national service programs in education, and aligns with the efforts of the Department of Education. In addition, CNCS seeks to increase its investment in programs

that serve veterans and military families or engage veterans in service. CNCS will also focus investment in programs that increase community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

This [Notice of Federal Funding Opportunity \(Notice\)](#) should be read together with the [AmeriCorps regulations 45 CFR Sections 2520 – 2550](#) and the [Application Instructions](#).

In accordance with the Obama Administration's emphasis on open government CNCS has moved toward greater openness and transparency in grantmaking. This *Notice* includes a description of the review and selection process in Section V.

The following information pertaining to this competition will be published on the [CNCS website](#) at (<http://nationalservice.gov/about/open/grants.asp>), within a period not to exceed 90 business days after all grants are awarded:

- List of all compliant applications submitted.
- Executive summaries of all compliant applications prepared by the applicants as part of the application.
- Copies of the SF424 and Program Narrative submitted by applicants for successful applicants.

## **PART II: DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

### **I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION**

#### **A. What is the purpose of AmeriCorps Planning Grants?**

The purpose of planning grants is to support the development of AmeriCorps programs that will engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based interventions to solve community problems. Planning grant recipients are expected to be better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps program grant in the following grant cycle. Planning grants may not be used to support AmeriCorps members.

An AmeriCorps member is an individual who is enrolled in an approved national service position and engages in community service. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. Upon successful completion of their service members receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award from the National Service Trust.

The purpose of CNCS is to maximize the power of service and volunteering to improve lives in communities across the country. In the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, Congress directed CNCS to focus national service in areas where service can make a major impact, including education, energy conservation, health, economic opportunity for economically vulnerable individuals, increasing service by and for veterans, and providing disaster services.

CNCS is carrying out Congress's intent by targeting AmeriCorps funding in these six focus areas. In accordance with the Act, through this *Notice* and its other activities, CNCS seeks to:

- Direct the power of national service to solve a common set of challenges.
- Expand opportunities for all Americans to serve.

- Build the enduring capacity of individuals, organizations and communities to effectively use service and volunteering to solve community problems.
- Embrace innovative solutions that work.

Brief descriptions of the six Focus Areas follow.

### **Disaster Services:**

Grants will help individuals and communities prepare, respond, recover, and mitigate disasters and increase community resiliency. Grant activities will:

- increase the preparedness of individuals,
- increase individuals' readiness to respond,
- help individuals recover from disasters, and
- help individuals mitigate disasters.

### **Economic Opportunity:**

Grants will provide support and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to the improved economic well-being and security of economically disadvantaged people. Grant activities will help economically disadvantaged people to:

- have improved access to services and benefits aimed at contributing to their enhanced financial literacy,
- transition into or remain in safe, healthy, affordable housing, and
- have improved employability leading to increased success in becoming employed.

### **Education:**

Grants will provide support and/or facilitate access to services and resources that contribute to improved educational outcomes for economically disadvantaged people, especially children. CNCS is particularly interested in program designs that support youth engagement and service-learning as strategies to achieve high educational outcomes. Grant activities will improve:

- school readiness for economically disadvantaged young children,
- educational and behavioral outcomes of students in low-achieving elementary, middle, and high schools, and
- the preparation for and prospects of success in post-secondary education institutions for economically disadvantaged students.

### **Environmental Stewardship:**

Grants will provide direct services that contribute to increased energy and water efficiency, renewable energy use, or improving at-risk ecosystems, and support increased citizen behavioral change leading to increased efficiency, renewable energy use, and ecosystem improvements particularly for economically disadvantaged households and economically disadvantaged communities. Grant activities will:

- decrease energy and water consumption,
- improve at-risk ecosystems,
- increase behavioral changes that lead directly to decreased energy and water consumption or improve at-risk ecosystems, and

- increase green training opportunities that may lead to decreased energy and water consumption or improve at-risk ecosystems.

### **Healthy Futures:**

Grants will meet health needs within communities including access to care, aging in place, and addressing childhood obesity. Grant activities will:

- increase seniors' ability to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life for as long as possible,
- increase physical activity and improve nutrition in youth with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity, and
- improve access to primary and preventive health care for communities served by CNCS-supported programs (access to health care).

### **Veterans and Military Families:**

Grants will positively impact the quality of life of veterans and improve military family strength. Grant activities will increase:

- the number of veterans and military service members and their families served by CNCS-supported programs, and
- the number of veterans and military family members engaged in service provision through CNCS-supported programs.

Brief description of Capacity Building follows.

### **Capacity Building:**

In addition to the six Focus Areas described above, grants also will provide support for capacity building activities provided by national service participants. As a general rule, CNCS considers capacity building activities to be *indirect services* that enable CNCS-supported organizations to provide more, better and sustained *direct services*. Capacity building activities cannot be solely intended to support the administration or operations of the organization. Examples of capacity building activities include:

- Recruiting and/or managing community volunteers.
- Implementing effective volunteer management practices.
- Completing community assessments that identify goals and recommendations.
- Developing new systems and business processes (technology, performance management, training, etc.) or enhancing existing systems and business processes.

### **Encore Programs**

Congress set a goal that 10 percent of AmeriCorps funding should support encore service programs. CNCS seeks to meet that 10 percent target in this competition and encourages programs that plan to engage a significant number of participants age 55 or older to apply.

### **B. What are the 2012 AmeriCorps planning grant funding priorities?**

In the 2012 planning grant competition CNCS expects to invest a significant amount of available funding to programs working in the six Focus Areas of **Disaster Services, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, Opportunity, and Veterans and Military Families.**

In particular, CNCS seeks to target its grantmaking in the Education and Disaster Services Focus Areas for greater impact and increase its investment in the Veterans and Military Families Focus Area. To meet these goals, CNCS will give priority consideration to the following, in descending order of preference:

- **Tier 1:** Applicants proposing to address outcomes identified in the Education, Veterans and Military Families, and Disaster Services Priority Measures.
- **Tier 2:** Applicants proposing to address outcomes identified in the Economic Opportunity, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures and Capacity Building Priority Measures.
- **Tier 3:** Applicants proposing to address outcomes identified in the Pilot Measures.
- **Tier 4:** Applicants proposing other outcomes in the Focus Areas.
- **Tier 5:** Applicants proposing outcomes that don't fall within the Focus Areas.

A list of Priority and Pilot Outcomes can be found in **Section VIII.** below.

Applicants proposing programs that receive priority consideration are not guaranteed funding. CNCS will pursue a balanced portfolio across the Focus Areas, and other considerations outlined below in **Section V. B.** Furthermore, applicants must demonstrate significant program focus, design and impact to receive priority consideration.

## **II. AWARD INFORMATION**

### **A. How much funding is available?**

The actual level of funding will be subject to the availability of annual appropriations, which have not yet been made. CNCS estimates awarding a small number of grants for Indian Tribes Planning grants. Applicants may apply for up to a maximum of \$50,000.

### **B. When will the grants be awarded?**

CNCS will award grants following the grant selection announcement, contingent on appropriations. We anticipate announcing the results of this competition by mid-April, 2012.

## **III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

### **A. Who is eligible to apply?**

Indian Tribes Planning Grant applicants must not have received an AmeriCorps grant in the past and must be an Indian Tribe. Applicants may have received funding through Learn and Serve America, NCCC, Senior Corps, or VISTA.

An Indian Tribe is defined as a federally recognized Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation, as defined under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1602), that the United States Government determines is eligible for special programs and services provided under federal law to Indians because of their status as Indians. Indian Tribes also include tribal organizations controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by one of the entities described above.

Note: Indian Tribes are eligible to apply to any Corporation competition, including State or National Planning Grants.

**B. What are the matching requirements for these grants?**

Applicants must provide 24% of the total project cost in match. Match may be cash or in-kind. Indian Tribal Government programs are subject to the same matching requirements. However, in accordance with Executive Order 13175, “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments,” CNCS may expedite approving waivers of matching requirements. Tribal governments that require a waiver must submit a request at least 60 days before the AmeriCorps application is due. For full information on applying for a Tribal waiver, send a request for instructions to [TribalMatchWaiver@cns.gov](mailto:TribalMatchWaiver@cns.gov).

**IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

**A. How to Apply**

Applicants for Indian Tribes Planning grants apply directly to CNCS.

**B. Notice of Intent to Apply**

Applicants are encouraged to send an e-mail by December 21, 2011 to [americorpsgrants@cns.gov](mailto:americorpsgrants@cns.gov) stating intent to apply.

Although submission of the Notice of Intent is not mandatory, submitting it will help CNCS plan more efficiently for review. Include the name of the applicant organization, address, contact person, and phone number in the Notice of Intent. Providing an e-mail address will also allow CNCS to contact applicants directly if application materials are updated.

**C. Universal Identifier**

Applications must include a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and register with the Central Contractor’s Registry (CCR). **The DUNS number does not replace an Employer Identification Number.**

DUNS numbers may be obtained at no cost by calling the DUNS number request line at (866) 705-5711 or by applying online: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. The website indicates a 24-hour e-mail turnaround time on requests for DUNS numbers; however, **we suggest registering at least 30 days in advance of the application due date.** Expedited DUNS numbers may be obtained by following instructions found here: <http://smallbusiness.dnb.com/establish-your-business/12334338-1.html>.

CCR is the primary registrant database for the U.S. Federal Government. CCR collects, validates, stores, and disseminates data in support of Federal agency contracts, grant awards, cooperative agreements, and other forms of federal assistance. All Corporation recipients are required to maintain a valid registration, which must be renewed annually.

We urge applicants that are not already registered with the CCR to begin the registration process immediately in order to avoid any delays in submitting applications. Applicants must have a DUNS number in order to register with the CCR. It typically takes 3-5 days to finalize CCR registration. To register online go to [www.bpn.gov/CCR](http://www.bpn.gov/CCR).

## **D. What is the Content and Form of the Application Submission?**

### ***1. Submitting in eGrants***

CNCS requires that all applicants submit applications electronically via the CNCS web-based application system, [eGrants](#). Applications must arrive at CNCS by January 18, 2012 at 5 p.m. ET in order to be considered. CNCS reserves the right to extend the submission deadline. Any notice of such extended deadline will be posted in eGrants.

We recommend that applicants create an eGrants account and begin the application at least three weeks before the deadline. Applicants should draft the application as a word processing document, then copy and paste the document into eGrants no later than 10 days before the deadline.

Contact the National Service Hotline at 800-942-2677 or <https://questions.nationalservice.gov/app/ask> if a problem arises while creating an account, preparing, or submitting an application. Be prepared to provide the application ID, organization's name, and the NOFO to which your organization is apply. National Service Hotline hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

If technical issues will prevent an applicant from submitting an application on time, please contact the National Service Hotline prior to the deadline to explain the technical issue and receive a ticket number. If the issue cannot be resolved by the deadline, the applicant must continue working with the National Service Hotline to submit via eGrants.

### ***2. Page Limits***

In eGrants, applicants will enter text for

- Executive Summary: a brief paragraph, maximum of a half-page. Executive Summaries of all compliant applications will be published on the Corporation website following grant notifications.
- Program Design.
- Organizational Capability.
- Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy.

You may not exceed 16 double-spaced pages in the Narratives, including the Executive Summary and Cover Page, as the pages print out from eGrants. Reviewers will not consider material submitted over the page limit, even if eGrants allows you to enter and submit text over the limit. From the Review and Submit page, print out your application prior to final submission to ensure it is not over the 16 page limit. This limit does not include the budget and performance measures.

**Do not submit supplementary materials such as videos, brochures, letters of support, or any other item not requested in these application instructions. CNCS will not review or return them.**

### **3. Late Applications**

CNCS may consider an application after the deadline, but only if the applicant submits a letter explaining the extenuating circumstance which caused the delay. The letter must be sent to [LateApplications@cns.gov](mailto:LateApplications@cns.gov) within the 24-hour period following the deadline. Late applications are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

If extenuating circumstances make the use of eGrants impossible, applicants may send a hard copy of the application to the address below in Section VII. Agency Contacts, via overnight carrier. Please use a non-U.S. Postal Service because of security-related delays in receiving mail from the U.S. Postal Service. All deadlines and requirements in this *Notice* apply to hard copy applications. Hard copy applications must include a cover letter detailing the circumstances that make it impossible to submit via e-Grants.

### **E. Coordination among State Commissions and Multi-state Applicants**

CNCS expects State Commissions and multi-state applicants and grantees to consult and coordinate activities at the local level, as specified in Section 131. [42 U.S.C. 12583] of the National Community Service Act (NCSA). This consultation is designed to ensure the most effective use of national service resources and lead to enhanced coordination among grantees.

The list of State Commissions can be found here:

<http://www.americorps.gov/about/contact/statecommission.asp>.

Indian Tribes planning applicants and grantees are encouraged to:

- Consult with the State Commission of each state in which the organization plans to operate an AmeriCorps program **prior to application submission**.
- Provide the State Commission with their contact information **after grants are awarded**.
- Participate in the State Commission's annual needs assessment and training plan development activities, and in the development of its state service plan, as well as appropriate training and other events.
- Include the State Commission on the multi-state grantee's mailing list and invite the commission to appropriate training and other events.

State Commissions must:

- Consult in a timely manner with the applicants and grantees that contact them prior to application submission.
- Consider the schedules and needs of multi-state and CNCS-funded Indian Tribes programs in their states when planning annual events and technical assistance activities.
- Include these programs in their annual needs assessment and training plan development activities, and in the development of their state service plan.
- Add staff of these programs in their state to their mailing list and invite them to appropriate training and other events.

### **F. Submission Dates and Times**

Applications are due January 18, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.



### **G. Funding Restrictions**

Grants under this program are subject to the applicable Cost Principles under OMB Circulars A-21 (2 CFR part 220), A-122 (2 CFR part 230), or A-87 (2 CFR part 225) and the Uniform Administrative Requirements for grants under A-102 (45 CFR part 2541) or A-110 (45 CFR 2543 or 2 CFR part 21).

**H. Equal Opportunity Survey.** Applicants are asked to complete the Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants. Applicants may complete the survey in eGrants while preparing the application for submission or contact CNCS to obtain a hard copy.

## **V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION**

### **A. What are the Selection Criteria?**

In evaluating applications for funding, staff reviewers will assess Program Design (50%), Organizational Capability (25%), and Cost-effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (25%). Staff reviewers will assess application narratives against these criteria and weight them accordingly.

Section 2522.450 of the AmeriCorps regulations describes types of programs or program models that may receive special consideration in the selection process. Section 2522.455 describes how you can find out about additional priorities governing the selection process. Section 2522.470 describes other factors or information CNCS may consider in making final decisions.

### **B. What are the goals of the review and selection process?**

The review and selection process is designed to:

- Give every eligible application full and fair consideration.
- Select a high-quality, well-balanced portfolio of grantees that will engage in a year of planning in order to apply for an AmeriCorps State and National grant in the following year.

The assessment of applications involves a wide range of factors and considerations. The review and selection process will produce a balanced set of high-quality programs that represent the priorities and selection factors described in this *Notice*.

Specifically, the review and selection process is designed to:

#### ***1. Identify eligible applications that satisfy the following considerations:***

- High alignment with criteria.
- Priorities, in the order of preference outlined in Section I.B., above.
- **Additional Considerations:**
  - Recruitment and deployment of community volunteers to leverage impact.
  - Relative risk and opportunity.

#### ***2. Compile a balanced portfolio based on the following characteristics:***

- Geographic representation.
- Equitable treatment of
  - Rural and urban communities.

- Small and large programs.
- Single and multi-state programs.
- Focus area representation.
- Strategic Characteristics:
  - Organizations that build capacity for individuals, nonprofits and communities to solve problems.
  - Organizations and/or program models that recruit and engage traditionally underrepresented populations in service and expand opportunities for both youth and adults to serve; particularly for new Americans, low-income individuals, rural residents, older Americans, veterans, members of faith-based organizations, communities of color, Native Americans, and people with disabilities.
  - Organizations that embrace innovative approaches to solving problems.

### **C. What are the stages in the review and selection process?**

#### ***1. Compliance Review***

CNCS staff will review all applications to determine compliance with eligibility, deadline, and completeness requirements. Applications that are submitted by eligible organizations, submitted by the deadline, and that are complete, will advance to Internal Review.

#### ***2. Internal Review***

CNCS staff will assess Program Design; Organizational Capability; and Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy. Following staff assessment, some applicants may receive requests to provide clarifying information. Clarification information is used by CNCS staff in making final recommendations. A request for clarification does not guarantee a grant award. Failure to respond to requests for information in a timely fashion will result in the removal of applications from consideration. CNCS staff will determine which applications to recommend for selection based on the results of Internal Review, and Clarification; and the priorities, balancing characteristics, additional considerations, and strategic characteristics listed above.

#### ***3. Selection***

The Chief Executive Officer will select the final portfolio based on staff recommendation, and considering overall quality, priorities, balancing characteristics, additional considerations, and strategic characteristics listed above.

### **D. What feedback will applicants receive?**

Following grant awards, each applicant will receive the results of the internal review pertaining to their application.

### **E. How long will the selection and review process take?**

Processing and selecting applications for funding will require approximately three months.

## **VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **A. When will grants be awarded?**

CNCS will award grants following the grant selection announcement. We anticipate announcing the results of this competition by mid-April, 2012.

**B. What documents govern the grant?**

The AmeriCorps regulations and grant provisions are incorporated in the Notice of Grant Award. The Notice of Grant Award incorporates the approved application as part of a binding commitment under the grant.

**C. What is the project period for these grants?**

The project period for these grants is up to one year. **The project start date may not occur prior to the date CNCS awards the grant**

**D. What are the reporting requirements for these grants?**

Grantees are required to provide annual performance and bi-annual financial reports. All grantees provide quarterly expense reports to the Payment Management System at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

If you receive an award, you will be required to report at [www.FSRS.gov](http://www.FSRS.gov) on all subawards over \$25,000 and may be required to report on executive compensation for your organization. You must have the necessary systems in place to collect and report this information. See 2 C.F.R. Part 170 for more information and to determine how these requirements apply.

**VII. AGENCY CONTACT**

This *Notice* is available at [www.americorps.gov/for\\_organizations/funding/nofa.asp](http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp). The TTY number is 202–606-3472. For further information or for a printed copy of this *Notice*, call (202) 606-7508. For questions regarding this application, please call (202) 606-7508 or send an e-mail to [americorpsgrants@cns.gov](mailto:americorpsgrants@cns.gov).

The mailing address is:

Corporation for National and Community Service  
ATT: Office of Grants Policy and Operations/ASN Application  
1201 New York Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20525

## VIII. PRIORITY AND PILOT OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

### *Tier 1: Priority Measures (in Disaster Services, Education, and Veterans and Military Families)*

<b>Disaster Services</b>
(new) D1: Number of individuals that received CNCS-supported services in disaster preparedness
(new) D2: Number of individuals that received CNCS-supported services in disaster response
(new) D3: Number of individuals that received CNCS-supported services in disaster recovery
(new) D4: Number of individuals that received CNCS-supported services in disaster mitigation
<b>Education</b>
ED21: Number of children that completed participation in CNCS-supported early childhood education programs
ED23: Number of children demonstrating gains in school readiness in terms of social and/or emotional development
ED24: Number of children demonstrating gains in school readiness in terms of literacy skills
ED25: Number of children demonstrating gains in school readiness in terms of numeracy (math) skills
ED2: Number of students that completed participation in CNCS-supported K-12 education programs
ED4A: Number of disadvantaged youth/mentor matches that were sustained by the CNCS-supported program for at least the required time period
ED5: Number of students with improved academic performance in literacy and/or math
(new) ED27: Number of students in grades K-12 that participated in the mentoring or tutoring or other education program, including CNCS-supported service learning, who demonstrated improved academic engagement
ED6: Number of students that improved their school attendance over the course of the CNCS-supported program's involvement with the student
<b>Veterans and Military Families</b>
V1: Number of veterans that received CNCS-supported assistance
(new) V8: Number of veterans' family members that received CNCS-supported assistance
V7: Number of family members of active duty military service members that received CNCS-supported assistance
(new) V9: Number of active duty military service members that received CNCS-supported assistance
V2: Number of veterans engaged in service opportunities as a National Service Participant or volunteer.
V10: Number of military family members engaged in service opportunities as a National Service Participant or volunteer.

***Tier 2: Priority Measures (in Economic Opportunity, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures and Capacity Building)***

<b>Economic Opportunity<sup>1</sup></b>
O5: Number of economically disadvantaged individuals, including homeless individuals, receiving housing services
O11: Number of economically disadvantaged individuals, including homeless individuals, transitioned into safe, healthy, affordable housing
<b>Environmental Stewardship<sup>2</sup></b>
EN4: Number of acres of national parks, state parks, city parks, county parks, or other public and tribal lands that are improved
EN5: Number of miles of trails or waterways (owned/maintained by national, state, county, city or tribal governments) that are improved and/or created
<b>Healthy Futures<sup>3</sup></b>
H8: Number of homebound OR older adults and individuals with disabilities receiving food, transportation, or other services that allow them to live independently
(new) H9: Number of homebound OR older adults and individuals with disabilities who reported having increased social ties/perceived social support
H10 (formerly O6): Number of individuals receiving emergency food from food banks, food pantries, or other nonprofit organizations
H11 (formerly O7): Number of individuals receiving support, services, education and/or referrals to alleviate long-term hunger
(new) H12: Number of individuals that reported increased food security of themselves and their children (household food security) as a result of CNCS-supported services
<b>Capacity Building</b>
(new) G3-3.1: Number of community volunteers recruited by CNCS-supported organizations or National Service Participants
(new) G3-3.2: Number of community volunteers managed by CNCS-supported organizations or National Service Participants
(new) G3-3.3: Number of organizations implementing three or more effective volunteer management practices as a result of capacity building services provided by CNCS-supported organizations or National Service Participants

<sup>1</sup> These Economic Opportunity measures may also be used to report on your program's performance in providing services in the Disaster Services focus area,

<sup>2</sup> These Environmental Stewardship measures may also be used to report on your program's performance in providing services in the Disaster Services focus area,

<sup>3</sup> These Healthy Futures measures may also be used to report on your program's performance in providing services in the Disaster Services focus area,

### **Tier 3: Pilot Measures**

<b>Education</b>
ED1: Number of students who start in a CNCS-supported education program
ED3A: Number of disadvantaged youth/mentor matches that are commenced by CNCS-supported programs
ED7: Number of students with no or decreased disciplinary referrals and suspensions over the course of the CNCS-supported programs' involvement
ED8: Number of youth with decreased substance abuse, arrest, or gang involvement
ED9: Number of students graduating from high school on time with a diploma
ED10: Number of students entering post-secondary institutions
ED11: Number of students earning a post-secondary degree
ED12: Number of CNCS-Supported National Service Participants who begin serving as teachers through a Teacher Corps program
ED13: Number of CNCS-Supported National Service Participants who completed serving as teachers through a Teacher Corps program
ED14: Number of individuals teaching in high need schools
ED15: Number of students in CNCS-supported teacher classrooms with improved academic performance
ED17: Number of teachers remaining in the education field, but not teaching in a school (school support staff, school administration, district administration policy, education nonprofits, etc.) after their term of service
ED18: Number of teachers who have had a positive impact on student learning as determined by observation-based assessments of teacher performance
ED19: Number of individuals receiving certification to teach in schools after their term of service
ED20: Number of children who start in a CNCS-supported early childhood education program
ED22: Number of children accessing high quality early childhood education programs
ED26: Number of students acquiring a GED
<b>Economic Opportunity</b>
O1: Number of economically disadvantaged individuals receiving financial literacy services
O2: Number of economically disadvantaged individuals receiving job training and other skill development services
O3: Number of economically disadvantaged individuals receiving job placement services
O4: Number of housing units developed, repaired, or otherwise made available for low-income individuals, families or people with disabilities
O9: Number of economically disadvantaged individuals with improved financial knowledge
O10: Number of economically disadvantaged individuals placed in jobs
O12: Number of economically disadvantaged National Service Participants who are unemployed prior to their term of service
O13: Number of economically disadvantaged National Service Participants who have not obtained their high school diploma or equivalent prior to the start of their term of service
O14: Number of National Service Participants who have their high school diploma or equivalent but have not completed a college degree prior to their term of service
O15: Number of economically disadvantaged National Service Participants that secure employment during their term of service or within one year after finishing a CNCS-supported program
O16: Number of National Service Participants that obtain a GED/diploma while serving in CNCS-supported programs or within one year after finishing serving in CNCS-supported programs
O17: Number of National Service Participants that complete a college course within one year after finishing a CNCS-supported program

<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>
EN1: Number of housing units of low-income households and structures weatherized or retrofitted to significantly improve energy efficiency
EN2: Number of low-income households home and public building energy audits conducted
EN3: Number of individuals receiving education or training in energy-efficient and environmentally-conscious practices, including but not limited to sustainable energy and other natural resources, and sustainable agriculture
EN6: Number of tons of materials collected and recycled
<b>Healthy Futures</b>
H1: Number of individuals who are uninsured, economically disadvantaged, medically underserved, or living in rural areas utilizing preventive and primary health care services and programs
H2: Number of clients to whom information on health insurance, health care access and health benefits programs is delivered
H3: Number of clients enrolled in health insurance, health services, and health benefits programs
H4: Number of clients participating in health education programs
H5: Number of children and youth engaged in in-school or afterschool physical education activities with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity
H6: Number of children and youth receiving nutrition education with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity
H7: Number of clients receiving language translation services at clinics and in emergency rooms
<b>Veterans and Military Families</b>
V3: Number of veterans assisted in pursuing educational opportunities
V4: Number of veterans assisted in receiving professional certification, licensure, or credentials
V6: Number of housing units developed, repaired, or otherwise made available for veterans
<b>Capacity Building</b>
(new) G3-3.4 Number of organizations that received capacity building services from CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.5: Number of staff and community volunteers that received training (of one or more types) as a result of capacity building services provided by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.6: Number of organizations that completed a community assessment identifying goals and recommendations with the assistance of CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.7: Hours of service contributed by community volunteers who were recruited by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.8: Hours of service contributed by community volunteers who were managed by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.9: Number of organizations reporting that capacity building activities provided by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants have helped to make the organization more efficient
(new) G3-3.10: Number of organizations reporting that capacity building activities provided by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants have helped to make the organization more effective
(new) G3-3.11: Number of new systems and business processes (technology, performance management, training, etc.) or enhancements to existing systems and business processes put in place as a result of capacity building services provided by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.12: Number of organizations that monitored their progress towards the goals identified in their community assessment with the assistance of CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.13: Number of additional activities completed and/or program outputs produced by the program as a result of capacity building services provided by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants in a) Disaster Services, b) Economic Opportunity, c) Education, d) Environmental Stewardship, e) Healthy Futures and/or f) Veterans and Military Families
(new) G3-3.14: Number of organizations that have experienced an increase in requests for their programs and services as a result of capacity building services provided by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants

(new) G3-3.15: Number of additional types of services offered by organizations as a result of capacity building services provided by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants in a) Disaster Services, b) Economic Opportunity, c) Education, d) Environmental Stewardship, e) Healthy Futures and/or f) Veterans and Military Families
(new) G3-3.16: Dollar value of cash resources leveraged by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.17: Dollar value of in-kind resources leveraged by CNCS-supported organizations or national service participants
(new) G3-3.18: Number of new beneficiaries that received services as a result of capacity building efforts in: Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, and/or Veterans and Military Families
(new) G3-3.19: Number of new beneficiaries from one or more targeted or underserved populations (counts by target population, e.g., racial or ethnic group) that received services as a result of capacity building efforts in: Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures, and/or Veterans and Military Families